

# Brentwood NEWSLETTER



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## WARRANT ARTICLE RESULTS

### **1) Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,400,000 for the reconstruction of Prescott Road to include replacement of 2 bridges for the north and south tributaries to Dudley Brook and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,250,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. It is anticipated that there will be no bond payment due in 2016. The remainder of the funds (\$150,000) are to be withdrawn from the previously established capital reserve fund for bridge repair, of which the selectmen are agents to expend. (2/3 ballot vote required)

**FAILED**

**2) Submitted by Petition:** To see if the town will vote to discontinue the municipal budget committee in accordance with RSA chapter 32, section 32:14 v and to constitute a new committee to be called "Brentwood Budget Advisory Committee." It is intended that this new committee be established as an "other committee" as permitted by RSA 32:24. Its duties and functions shall be the same as the discontinued municipal budget committee, except that, as RSA 32:24 provides, its recommendations shall have no limiting effect on appropriations, as set forth in RSA 32:18. The currently elected committee will constitute the membership of the new committee, members of which shall serve until the end of their current terms of office. Upon the expiration of their terms of office, future members at large shall be elected by the legislative body. (Majority ballot vote required)

**FAILED**

### **3) Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Million, Two Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand, Six Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars (\$3,283,692) for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

**PASSED**

### **4) Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of

Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) to repair roads. (Majority vote required)

**PASSED**

### **5) Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the existing Capital Reserve Fund for the maintenance of town owned buildings. (Majority vote required)

**PASSED**

### **6) Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the existing Capital Reserve Fund for the repair of town bridges. (Majority vote required)

**PASSED**

### **7) Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-eight Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars (\$88,995) for the first year's payment of leasing a new pumper truck. This lease agreement has an escape clause and in subsequent years if the annual appropriation is not approved, the lease terminates. (Majority vote required)

**PASSED**

### **8) Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars (\$18,524) for the fourth year's payment of leasing a backhoe for the highway department. This lease agreement has an escape clause and in subsequent years if the annual appropriation is not approved, the lease terminates. (Majority vote required)

**PASSED**

### **9) Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars (\$27,533) for the purchase of a police cruiser and related equipment. (Majority vote required)

**PASSED**

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## TOWN OF BRENTWOOD

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Tuesday 10:30 am and 2:00 pm

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## APRIL RECYCLING DATES

April 5 & 6 - April 19 & 20

## WASTE TONNAGE FIGURES

	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>
Tons, mixed solid waste	105.57	98.27
Tons, recycled goods	30.49 (22.4%)	26.76 (21.4%)

*Karen Clement - Town Administrator - Town of Brentwood*

## FROM THE TOWN CLERK

I wish to thank everyone who helped with the election on March 8th.

When transferring your plate to a new car, please bring the old registration in at the same time. A copy will cost you \$17.50.

Also when registering your car, please bring two checks, one for the State and one for the Town. We only take CASH or CHECKS.

A reminder that you can register your boat at the Town Clerk's office.

Dog licenses are in and all dogs must be registered by April 30 to avoid a fine.

There will be a rabies clinic at the Brentwood Fire Department on Saturday, April 16th, from 9:00am-12:00pm.

Just a reminder that on Tuesdays we are open from 9:00am-8:00pm

*Phyllis Thompson - Town Clerk - Town of Brentwood*

## THANK YOU TO OUR MAILING CREW FOR MARCH

Many thanks on behalf of the community to those in the Pickpocket / Rowell Road neighborhood who assembled the hefty March issue of the Newsletter for mailing: Ann Barker, Helen Calvert, Torie Freeman, Kris Johnston, Jane Storm, Linda Vadas, Diane Wade and Diantha Wade.

*Linda Rousseau on behalf of the Newsletter Committee*



## DEADLINE FOR MAY ISSUE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016

Please send your articles to Lynda McCann

**Email:** [newsletterbrentwood@gmail.com](mailto:newsletterbrentwood@gmail.com)

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## BUSINESS CARD DIRECTORY

\$20 per insertion, available in April, September & December issues.

## BUSINESS ARTICLE

\$100 half page, \$200 full page, available in any issue.

## FINAL BUDGET UPDATE

This is a final update on our 2016-17 tax impact projection following this year's votes at the School District Meeting, Elections, and Town Meeting.

- Town Meeting voters approved a budget of \$3,283,692 (3% increase over last year), the standard Warrant Articles for lease payments, repairs/ reserves for roads, bridges and buildings, and established a new Software Capital Reserve fund for \$20,000. The \$1.25M Prescott Road Bond Article was tabled for reconsideration by the Selectmen.
- School District Meeting voters approved a \$5,130,925 operating budget for Swasey school year 2016/17, a decrease of - 1.39%. Warrant articles to establish a Safety and Security Trust and to establish full-day kindergarten were passed.
- At Elections, SAU 16 Cooperative District voters approved the Coop School Board proposed budget of \$56,692,794 for school year 2016-17 (1.74% increase over FY15/16) as well as an appropriation of \$50,000 to the EHS synthetic turf fund. The \$2,000,000 warrant article to establish a fund for the renovation/expansion of the Cooperative Middle School was defeated.

The table below estimates how your taxes may change based on the above appropriations:

	TAX IMPACT (\$/\$1000 valuation)	Estimated change for \$350K property valuation
Town Impact	\$0.628	\$219.77
Local School Impact	\$0.386	\$135.10
Coop School Impact	\$0.138	\$48.30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1.15</b>	<b>\$403.17</b>

**Krista Steger** - Chair of the Brentwood Budget Committee & Brentwood Representative on the ERCSD Budget Advisory Committee  
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## 5TH ANNUAL BRENTWOOD ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP

It's that time of year again. What little snow we had is gone but unfortunately, as always seems to be the case; there is plenty of trash on the roadsides. Join us for our 5th Annual Roadside Clean-Up. On Saturday, April 30th, from 10 AM to noon, please join the Brentwood Conservation Commission for our town Roadside Clean-Up event in honor of Earth Day. You can meet us at the Pilgrim Church, 197 Middle Road at 10AM to select locations that are in need and head out in groups or you can head out to your own street or neighborhood. Garbage bags and gloves will be provided at the Pilgrim Church.

Following the clean-up you are invited to the Pilgrim Church for a BBQ and ice cream from noon to 1PM.

If you have seen roads or areas in town or along the Exeter River you would like to see the trash cleaned- up please let us know. Call Heather at 772-1510 if you have questions or to add locations to our list of areas to target during our clean-up event.

**Heather Dudley-Tatman** - Brentwood Conservation Commission



### DO YOU LIKE TO WRITE?

The Brentwood Newsletter would like to have two or three (or more!) people they could call on to write an article when one is needed. For example, there is a man who grew up in Brentwood who has now begun his major league baseball career. We'd love to have an article on this but things stretch just so far! Those of us on staff are already very busy. If we had a "writers on call" list, we'd know just who to call. Could it be you?

If you might be interested in doing an occasional article for The Brentwood Newsletter, please let us know. Contact info is on page 2.

**10) Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the existing Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of highway vehicles and related equipment. (Majority vote required)

**AMENDED TO \$31,477. AMENDMENT PASSED**

**11) Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the existing Capital Reserve Fund for the construction of new highway building(s). (Majority vote required)

**PASSED**

**12) Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee:** To see if the Town will authorize the establishment of a capital reserve fund to meet our constitutional and statutory requirement that assessments are at full and true value at least as often as every fifth year. Furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 towards this purpose, and appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. (Majority vote required).

**PASSED**

**13) Recommended by the Selectmen and NOT recommended by the Budget Committee:** To see if the Town will authorize the establishment of a capital reserve fund In accordance with RSA 35:1 to acquire new software for municipal operations. Furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 towards this purpose and to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority vote required)

**PASSED**

**14) Recommended by the Selectmen & Budget Committee:** To reduce the Brentwood Municipal Budget Committee membership from eight (8) members to seven (7). If this warrant article is adopted at the 2016 town meeting, no change shall take effect until the March 2017 elections at which time one (1) fewer positions shall be open for fulfillment.

**PASSED**

**15) Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000) to provide funding to CASA. (Majority vote required)

**PASSED**

**16) Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000) to provide funding to New Heights. (Majority vote required)

**FAILED**

**17) Recommended by the Selectmen and NOT recommended by the Budget Committee:** To see if the Town will authorize the establishment of a capital reserve fund In accordance with RSA 35:1 to acquire a solar array to offset the town's annual electrical usage. Furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 towards this purpose and to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority vote required)

**FAILED**

**18) Submitted by Petition:** NOT Recommended by the Budget Committee: To raise and appropriate \$8000 for the July 4th Fireworks Fund. (Majority vote required)

**FAILED**

## TOWN & SCHOOL OFFICERS 2016



Town and School officers were sworn in and received a round of applause at the Brentwood Town Meeting of March 12, 2016. Those who were able to attend were, from left: Michelle Siudut, Municipal Budget Committee; Brad Stevens, Cemetery Trustee; David Menter, Selectman; Jeff Bryan, Selectman; Richard Chamberlain, Town Moderator; James Clark, Library Trustee; Malcolm Allison, Municipal Budget Committee; Melissa Litchfield, Swasey School Board; and Charles Williamson, Supervisor of the Check List.



## STATE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Hello Brentwood Residents,

Well, it looks like Spring is finally here and we had a relatively mild winter! I am most thankful for that especially after last year's record breaking snows all over New England.

The State House has been in a buzz since January session started. Lots and lots of bills to consider. The one main bill that came before the house was the expansion of Medicaid for the next two years. This bill has some good points, as we all know, the main one being that some 47,000 plus citizens will be able to get some level of health care provision. There are different definitions as to what that help actually translates into but the basics are covered. The bad news is the funding is a little ambiguous and projected on certain assumptions. I learned along time ago that assuming is the lowest level of knowledge... it seems we are content to base a lot of our future on projected assumptions and of course only time will tell the accuracy of such thinking...

Let me say that we are a nation in terrible trouble with our money. The credit card mentality (which teaches us borrow on future earnings) seems to have permeated every facet of our society. Big money has always been a part of the political process in both parties and there is an illusion that all is well because of the vast materialistic environment that surrounds us. We have developed a mentality that there is no end to the money and we must find more scrupulous ways of attaining it even if we did not earn it or know little about those who have done so. We feel entitled, as it were, to some level of prosperity whether we have earned it or not. This is a system waiting to implode and indeed it will.

Not every state has passed Medicaid, but I don't like comparing us to other states as that can be used always to drive home why we should or should not do something because this state did or did not do it. I hear this a lot on the Education Committee. This is not a good rule to follow. We should do what is right for our citizens, not what another state has done, and certainly not because Washington has done it!

I voted to not expand Medicaid and I would like to tell you why. I will focus on three main reasons:

First, there will be a surge of new welfare recipients. Going back to the national mentality that I am entitled to whatever I need and someone else can pay for it. This is going to happen and it will put a strain on our current providers' ability to provide, not just health care, but the quality of health care that an individual truly needs. New Hampshire's Medicaid reimbursement rates are pretty low over all. If providers need to provide care at much lower rates than that of Medicaid and private insurance, this is going to negatively affect the bottom line. In order to offset the rates, the providers will have to charge higher rates for people on private insurance. Premiums will go up to subsidize Medicaid patients. This includes everyone's insurance plans, large or small, plus self-insured ERISSA plans and the State employee's

insurance. So the insured pay more. I might add, one of the big selling points for this was that the insurance companies will kick in to cover the extra cost? Of course they will, and how will they do it? Out of their yearly profits and generous charity funds that they already have in place to take care of those who can't afford insurance? I don't think so. You and I will pay the extra, while the insurance corporations continue to make more money.

Secondly, our State budget stands to be negatively impacted when the funding for Medicaid drops from 100% to 90% by 2020. The taxpayers will be picking up the tab. Let's face it honestly and head on. The Federal government is now 20 Trillion dollars in debt (ok 19? that's a trillion when you are in Washington and the wealth of the taxpayer is at your disposal). This means we have sat by and agreed to enslave our posterity (our children, grand children, and great grandchildren) to a system that feeds only on the future promise of taxpayers who are not even yet born. We have now become, by birth, slaves to the State, or vassals to the King (The Federal Government). While we smile and pat ourselves on the back as if we are noble and largesse instead of demanding the indebtedness and wasteful spending which is clearly known and ignored (by those who, by the way, have lifetime retirement packages and access to the best health care in the world), while we the subjects are content to pander in our small little fields and hope for enough to pay our bills so that we are not audited by those we fund. Least we forget, the Federal Government previously agreed to pay 40% of special education costs if states opted into special education programs, but in reality, federal funding has always been about 18%, far short of the 40% promised? Can we really believe them? Just think it through. Our budget was stretched to the max last year.

Thirdly, from the 2020 forward data from DHHS and the Center for Public Policy Research it is assumed that this program will cost around \$40 million per year. That is based again on assumptions (the lowest level of knowledge you can operate from.) The assumptions are that the cost of healthcare will not increase by more than 1.5%? Really? Also that the enrollee numbers are not underestimated. There is no cap on the cost of this program, enrollees, or costs to the State? I am sure we all operate this way in our town and home budgets. Also, there are no personal responsibility requirements with expanded Medicaid. There are no deductibles, no work requirements (although we passed the severability clause which will most likely be overturned by Washington), no co-payments, no personal investment in contributing to the cost. Enrollees are eligible based only on income. This is a very gray area.

Let's not forget that Medicaid Expansion is a part of the Affordable Care Act. You remember, the one Nancy Pelosi told us to pass so we could see where our future is without agreeing to it. Her exact words, "We have to pass it to find out what is in it." This from someone who makes over \$174,000 a year of your tax money, not including the perks? Don't think she will have a problem paying her health care cost. Our own Speaker of the House, the Honorable Jasper, instructed us that we must pass Medicaid expansion while also telling us in the same breath that Obama Care is going to implode and we need to do what we can.

As I sat there that day, an image came to my mind. It was an image of a car exploding with a bomb, and I had just been instructed to sit in the back seat so that the damage will not be too bad? I walked out of the State House with a very sad heart. The reason being was that we shut off our thinking and have simply acquiesced to someone's ideas that are not working well but somehow we feel it is the best we can do. As much as I dislike the phrase "kick the can down the road" that is what we have chosen to do instead of solving the real problem. Let's create a temporary bandaid to make us think that our cut is not as deep as it really is. When will we demand that our leaders stop dragging us as a people into their misguided and ill devised plans to solve problems.

I have an idea for NH and those who need medical help. Since the insurance companies and the hospitals indicated buy good words but no contracts that they will help cover the cost of the burden of getting the poor the help they need, why not take some of your massive profits, set up a charitable trust fund for the less fortunate, have it overseen by their best attorneys and give the dividends to the needy 47,000 New Hampshire citizens. A State taking care of its own citizens without Federal interference. Oh, but then that is giving to the poor without expecting anything in return, perhaps giving them a hand up in their time of need instead of a handout that keeps them in a state of co-dependence. I do not look at this problem as Republican or Democratic. I feel these two political systems have misguided us long enough. Health Care is a PROBLEM that neither party has been able to solve without serious repercussions for our country. And please lets stop quoting the utopia of small European Countries the size of Kansas as a model for us.

Perhaps the next few years will bring some real answers if WE THE PEOPLE get involved and not based upon what is in it for us. I believe there is a lot of wisdom from a lot of great folks in this great country. There are a lot of issues surrounding Health Care and accepting a cookie cutter model for New Hampshire will only leave our taste buds with something less than desirable in the end. People should not be defined by money or charity. Everyone one needs dignity and opportunity. We can offer that if we chose too.

If you would like to see some of the positive projections in regards to Medicaid expansion in New Hampshire please check out THE LEWIN GROUP REPORT. It is a good resource to project some of the possibilities if all assumptions remain as given. I pray they would.

In closing, we had a wonderful town meeting last week. I enjoyed meeting many of you and talking with you. I promised one of our most distinguished citizens, Jane Burns, that I would get back to her about the energy cost and the concept of solar energy being used in the town to offset some of our electrical cost. I will do that in next month's issue. Thank you for your patience.

Excelsior!

*Allen Cook - State Rep, Brentwood NH  
Rockingham County District 11*

## BUSINESS CARD DIRECTORY

Following is an alphabetical list of those whose cards are in this month's Business Card Directory. They are interested in making their services available to you, their fellow residents. Save these pages and consult them when you're looking for a service.

**AAA Accounting Services – Jessica Sanborn**

**All About Cats and Dogs – Norman Head**

**Appliance Services, Inc. – Wayne St. Hilaire**

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**Beebop Technologies – Robert Sean Hartnett**

**Brentwood Chiropractic Center – Will & Lanie Herrick**

**Brentwood Country Animal Hospital – Jody Kaufman**

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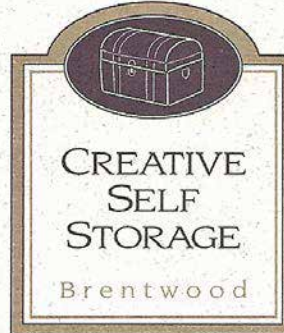
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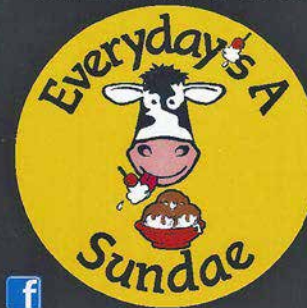
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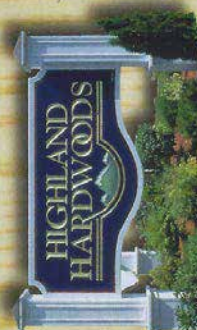
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## BRENTWOOD'S ROAD NAMES

### FLANDERS DRIVE

The Selectmen chose the name Flanders for one of our town roads in recognition of a family that lived in Brentwood and contributed much to the fabric of the town from the early 1800s to about 1940.

The first Flanders in town was Benjamin, who lived beginning in the early 1800s on what is now Lake Road, near the Gordon family homes, and he married Mary Gordon. Joe Swasey remembers that Benjamin was spoken of as "one of the wheelers and dealers" in town.

A son, Ephraim Gordon Flanders, was born in 1834. When he was 18 (1856) he bought a grist mill in town, where he was soon also producing shingles, wheel spokes and hubs. In 1870 he sold the grist mill portion but stayed in the wood products business. He also did insurance and probate work. He was a Justice of the Peace, and was active in town affairs.

From Brentwood's 225 Years, 1742-1967, page 75: "Ephraim married Hannah E. Tuck, who lived 1845-1907. They lived in the large house across from the present Grange Hall, known to us as the Moul or Einhorn buildings [139 Crawley Falls Road] He had a store in the Grange Hall and rented [out] the upstairs hall for community affairs. Some people remember the large platform scales in front of his house."

Ephraim and Hannah had a son Charles (1868-1940), who married Grace Tucker. They lived in the house on the hill next to Lindy's, which is now 159 Crawley Falls Road. When Charles was 24 he was reseating chairs. He also made beehives, box shooks for greenhouses, and shingles. In 1892 he reinstalled a grist mill as his father had done years before. The Flanders Shingle and Grist Mill endured on the river until the mid-1900s. No members of this family live here today, but their endeavors form a solid part of our town history.

*Linda Rousseau*

## 4TH ANNUAL CONNOR'S CLIMB 5K & FAMILY WALK

*Event benefiting suicide prevention and awareness to be held May 14th*

### NOCHE MEXICANA FUNDRAISER

**Invite family, friends, teammates and colleagues to dine at Margaritas and they will donate 20% of all food and beverage sales to The Connor's Climb Foundation.**

Simply mention to your server or host that you are there on behalf of The Connor's Climb Foundation. Sunday, April 17, 2016 11:30 am to 11:00 pm (lunch and dinner) at Margaritas Mexican Restaurant, 93 Portsmouth Avenue, Exeter

Exeter, NH, February 8, 2016 - Connor's Climb Foundation (CCF) will host its flagship fundraising event, Connor's Climb 5K & Family Walk, on May 14, 2016. The community event will

continue the foundation's work of providing suicide prevention programming to middle and high schools throughout New Hampshire. This year's race will take place at Exeter High School, and will occur during Mental Health Month. Suicide is the second leading cause of death for young people ages 10-24 in New Hampshire, and it is the mission of the Connor's Climb Foundation to change that.

Since 2012, CCF has raised over \$70,000 to fund expanded education and awareness for suicide prevention in New Hampshire schools. Additionally, CCF has hosted three trainings for over 200 New Hampshire educators and community organization leaders, and distributed 30 Signs of Suicide (SOS) education kits to New Hampshire schools. Because of the support of our race participants and sponsors, CCF is making a difference and saving lives.

"This was an excellent training that all educators need to have. Thank you very much for this resource." one grateful New Hampshire educator said when providing anonymous feedback.

Connor's Climb Foundation is thrilled to welcome Paralympic gold medalist and ESPN correspondent Victoria Arlen back to help kick off the 2016 race. On the work of the foundation Arlen stated, "it just takes one spark to start a fire and the Ball family has ignited quite a movement."

"The support of the community is what allows us to make measurable changes and real progress in the fight against suicide and stigma. To be able to honor the memory of Connor while saving lives is such a meaningful tribute to his life," said Tara Ball, Connor's Climb Foundation President.

Sponsors for the 2016 event to date include: Exeter Hospital, Sea View Technologies, Northeast Credit Union, Brentwood Dental, Portsmouth Family Chiropractic, Screening for Mental Health, Disc Jockey Matt McElroy, Fun to Eat Fruit and the Exeter Hanaford. Sponsorship opportunities are available by contacting [info@connorsclimb.org](mailto:info@connorsclimb.org).

Register for the race or family walk at [www.connorsclimb.org](http://www.connorsclimb.org). Same day registration begins at 8:30am with a race start time of 9:30am.

### ABOUT THE CONNOR'S CLIMB FOUNDATION:

Incorporated as a 501c3 nonprofit organization in 2015, The mission of the Connor's Climb Foundation (CCF) is to provide education programs directed toward preventing suicide, by raising awareness, reducing stigma, and equipping youth, educators, and the community at large with tools and resources focused on the vulnerable age group of 10-24 year olds. Connor's Climb Foundation works to raise awareness and to provide education for youth suicide prevention in New Hampshire. CCF collaborates with schools, the public and leaders in secondary education and mental health to ensure that the young people of New Hampshire have the life saving resources that they need to prevent suicide.

*Tara Ball - Board President, Connor's Climb Foundation*  
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## SWASEY PARENT FACULTY

Spring has sprung and that means big changes are in the air for the Swasey PFG. While some children move on to CMS next year, their parents will be moving on as well. This means open positions on the PFG and it is time for nominations. Join in on a springtime meeting and find out what it's all about!

The school district meeting was held on March 4th and had a great turnout. Thank you to the BTA and student volunteers for providing childcare during this important voting process.

As you are preparing gifts for Mother's Day, remember you can support Swasey Central School while shopping for Shutterfly gifts. Simply log in using [swaseycentralschool.shutterflystore-front.com](https://swaseycentralschool.shutterflystore-front.com) and 13% of your purchase will be donated to Swasey!

Are you looking forward to the colorful flowers of summer? Coming in May the PFG will be selling hanging flower baskets from Wentworth Greenhouse. If you saw the gorgeous holiday wreaths and poinsettias from them, you understand why we are so excited for these baskets! Watch for order forms coming home with your kids in early May. Don't have kids at Swasey and still want to order? No problem! Contact [bridgetzacher@gmail.com](mailto:bridgetzacher@gmail.com) for more information.

Join us Tuesday April 19th at 6:30 pm for our next meeting to discuss board nominations and Teacher Appreciation Week. Happy Spring!

*Bridget Zacher - on behalf of the Swasey PFG*

## SWASEY SCHOOL

Hello Faithful Reader,

Be sure to stay in touch with Swasey happenings by visiting our school website. Our school board meetings and information is posted and available. We are currently accepting registrations for next school year.

### GRADE 3

Grade 3 has been working on building community using the Open Circle and Responsive Classroom programs. We have worked on strategies for identifying and managing anger, and being a community in the lunchroom. We had a great time on Innovation Day. Students chose a topic to explore and spent the day researching and creating a presentation. For many students, this was the first opportunity to immerse in a chosen topic for a whole day. Parents who came to share them were impressed! We hope to repeat this opportunity again towards the end of the year. Students are mastering the multiplication facts and learning many different strategies to solve them. We continue to work on various forms of writing, as well as strategies to plan and edit/revise. Students often write in response to what they read. We are enjoying our study of Native Americans, incorporating many craft projects into what we learn. The month of April will begin with two weeks of Smarter Balanced testing. Think spring!

### GRADE 4

Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Woods and Mr. Schroeder have kept the fourth graders very busy during February and March! The students performed the book of the quarter, *The Invisible Boy* by Trudy Ludwig, for the whole school as we led the February Shindig (the Swasey monthly whole school assembly). Mr. Schroeder's class treated the school to another play adapted from the book, *Dragons Love Tacos* by Adam Rubin the day before our February vacation!

We enjoyed a fun week of Read Across America activities planned by the Brentwood Teachers' Association. Students dressed up as their favorite book characters, had in guest readers, read to younger students and created a structure to protect the Whos in Whoville.

Our fourth graders also worked very hard researching a famous person. The students then portrayed this person during our whole grade wax museum. Parents, teachers and other students visited our museum and were able to learn about all of these interesting people! The read aloud for February was *The City of Ember*. As a culminating activity, students work collaboratively on 3 STEM challenges designed with the story in mind. The teams built boats, engineered movable lights, and designed greenhouses. We are looking forward to spring and learning about plants, visiting the NH Statehouse, Strawberry Banke, and Mount Major!

### GRADE 5

With the temperatures rising and the snow disappearing, our fifth graders' efforts have also been on the rise. We dressed like cowboys and cowgirls in support of the PFG's amazing Community Square Dance. We also welcomed the Boston Museum of Science to Swasey for their States of Matter presentation. We are continuing to gear up and prepare for Sargent Camp as well as for the Smarter Balanced Assessments.

With each passing month the students continue to develop new math skills such as adding, subtracting, and multiplying fractions. We have also explored coordinate pairing and decimal place-value as well as reinforced our skills in geometry. We look forward to decimal multiplication and division as well as fraction division.

Our Social Studies curriculum is really starting to heat up as we move past Marco Polo, Christopher Columbus, and many other monumentally important explorers and onto the early colonial era of America. We have investigated the mysteries of Roanoke and the brave events of Jamestown and move toward the settlement at Plymouth Plantation.

We look forward to Spring and the many incredible lessons, explorations, and experiences we have planned.

### MUSIC

As we move into spring, Grade 1 will be expanding their vocal range while learning a repertoire of songs that relate to spring and tie into their classroom curriculum. Grade 2 is in their final weeks of rehearsals for their upcoming Patriotic Celebration



when we will perform a selection of patriotic songs followed by a display of projects that they will be working on in their classrooms. Third graders have been enjoying Native American songs, instruments, and stick games, and will be wrapping up their studies of Native American music with “Land of the Silver Birch” and “Rainbow Tribe”. Grade 4 continues to amaze me with their memorization of states and capitols as we sing “Rap of the States”. We will also continue with our unit on American Folk Music through the month of April. And finally, Grade 5 has done an amazing job with ensemble playing using pitched percussion instruments as they read and follow notation. We will soon begin to tie in with social studies curriculum, as we start our final song in this unit, “In Good Old Colony Days”, which we will orchestrate during the month of April. “The Sounds of Swasey” (our school chorus) are excited to be singing a repertoire of “pop” songs as we rehearse for our upcoming spring concert. For the first time in many years, our spring concert will also include performances from the Swasey School Band and String Ensemble directed by Ms. Erin Murphy!

## ART

Our first grade students have been experiencing how the primary colors (red, yellow and blue) mix to create the secondary colors (green, orange and violet). They have been exploring mixing colors in a variety of different art mediums. Using marbles to mix the primary paints on paper was their favorite by far! Second grade students have been learning about the life and artwork of Dutch artist Piet Mondrian. They are busy creating a composition using only vertical and horizontal black lines. Next the shapes created are filled in with only the primary colors (red, yellow and blue).

Our third graders have been working on artwork to support their Native American studies. We created Iroquois false face masks, Navajo sand paintings and coil bowls in clay. Next we will be learning about the life and artwork of the great Vincent Van Gogh. Big sunflowers, here we come! The fourth grade has been working on a unit working with positive and negative space. We will be beginning a color theory unit next. Each fourth grader will learn to mix and paint their own color wheel. Our fifth graders have been learning about the life and artwork of Frank Stella. They have been working on a geometric artwork of concentric squares created in colored masking tape. Next we will be studying one of the most influential artists, the great Pablo Picasso. They will be creating their own Picasso inspired portrait collage. March is Youth Art Month. The Exeter Art Committee is hosting the Youth Art Month Show. This event showcases art from students across SAU16. Artwork from 50 Swasey students will on display at the historic Old Town Hall gallery.

## KINDERGARTEN / FIRST GRADE ENROLLMENT

### SWASEY CENTRAL SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN

If you have a child who will be five years old by September 30, 2016 and you will be sending him/her to Swasey School kindergarten, please call the Swasey School office (642-3487) and give them your child’s name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth. Please call by March 1.

### SWASEY CENTRAL SCHOOL FIRST GRADE

If you have a child who will be six years old by September 30, 2016, and has not been attending Swasey School kindergarten, but will be coming to first grade in the fall, please call the Swasey School Office (642-3487) and give them your child’s name, address, telephone number, and place and date of birth. Please call by March 1.

*Genevieve Y. Rowe*

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library would like remind you that the Boston Aquarium is a great location to spend a day! Parents, If you’re looking to slip in some knowledge with your trip, curl up with *The Soul of an Octopus* by Sy Montgomery. The main stage for this wonderful story is the Boston Aquarium and its dedicated staff. (Passes are not available to be used in summer months at the Aquarium.)

40 passes were used during February vacation! The Friends are able to pay for these passes thanks primarily to Membership Drive donations. Unfortunately, donations are down so we have had to cut some passes. We no longer have passes for Squam Lake or Castle in the Clouds. Passes for Peabody Essex Museum will be available until the end of May. Isabella Stuart Gardner Museum passes will be available until the end of June. Passes may be reserved on the library’s website. If readers would like to contribute to the Membership Drive, envelopes are available in the library.

Basement Bookstore will be open during Maker Space hours.

Save the Date: The Book and Bake Sale in conjunction with the Garden Club Plant Sale is tentatively scheduled for May 21st.

The Friends of the Library are responsible for the fundraising to pay for items and activities such as museum passes, summer reading activities and evening programs for adults. We are looking for new members who love the library. What are your strengths and interests? Do you have a little bit of time to spare? Are there programs you would like to see the Friends sponsor? Come to our next meeting on April 13 at 12:30 in the library and see what opportunities we have. We are also taking nominations for all Board positions: president, vice president, treasurer, secretary and 3 members-at-large.

Hope to see you around the stacks.

*Mary Clancey and Jessica Enman Paul*



## MARY E. BARTLETT LIBRARY

### MEET THE AUTHOR:

J.E. Seymour - Thursday, April 7 from 5:30pm - 6:30pm Come check out the latest book of our Brentwood Author! Copies of "Frostbite," Joy's 4th published novel, will be available for purchase and signing.

### CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK WITH US!

April 10—16 Stop by for fun activities all week long.

### CONSERVATION COMMITTEE:

"Invasive Plant Species": Wednesday, April 13 at 7pm Join the Brentwood Conservation Committee as they welcome Dr. Leonard Lord of the Rockingham County Conservation District to speak about area invasive plant species.

### LADIES & GENTS MOVIE NIGHT:

Star Wars Episode VII: The Force Awakens Thurs. April 14 at 7pm If you missed 2015's most highly anticipated action adventure, here's your chance to see it! Light refreshments will be provided.

### WEDNESDAYS @ ONE CINEMA:

- April 6: "Driving Miss Daisy" the original
- April 13: "Daisy Kenyon" the original
- April 20: "Please Don't Eat the Daisies" the original

### MEET THE STATUE OF LIBERTY CARETAKERS:

Thursday, April 21 at 7pm Before recently moving to NH, Dave and Debbie Luchsinger resided on Liberty Island in New York, where Dave was the superintendent of Liberty and Ellis Islands. Join us as the couple shares stories of their experiences of life with Lady Liberty. All ages welcome.

### STORY TIMES:

Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10:30am and Tuesdays at 2:00pm Reminder! NO STORY TIMES April 26—April 27 due to School Vacation Week.

### BRENTWOOD BOOKERS:

Monday, April 25 at 7pm This month's title: The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd

### BRENTWOOD WRITERS' GROUP:

Saturday, April 16 at 10:30 am This is an informal group, open to anyone over 18 who enjoys writing.

### MEB MAKER SPACE NIGHT:

Every other Thursday 7-9pm (This month: 4/14 & 4/28) Bring along your latest craft project and equipment to the downstairs meeting room. Friends book sale area will be open and light refreshments available to enjoy while shopping/crafting.

### COLORING FOR ADULTS:

Thursday, April 14 from 1pm—3pm Join us for a relaxing afternoon of coloring and conversation. All materials will be provided—no registration required.

### KNITTING:

Each Tuesday 1pm—3pm & Every other Thursday 7-9pm (4/14 & 4/28) Beginners and those who crochet are always welcome!

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING:

Wednesday, April 13 at 12:30pm

### LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING:

Monday, April 18 at 6pm. Public is welcome.

*Betsy Solon - Library Director*

## LOCAL INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL STRATEGIES

Invasive plants: What are they? Why are they harmful? What can we do about them? Join the Brentwood Conservation Commission and the Mary E. Bartlett Library for presentation on Local Invasive Plant Control Strategies by Leonard Lord, Chair of the New Hampshire State Invasive Species Committee on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 7PM.

Invasive plant species have detrimental effects on our native landscapes in a number of ways and at different scales. In turn, successful invasive species management requires consideration of multiple scales and approaches. This presentation will include a review of why invasive species control is important, invasive species control strategies, project planning, common invasive species, and project execution. Control methods will focus on the backyard scale using hand tools and common herbicides available at most lawn and garden centers.

Want Some Hands on Experience too? Join us for hands on identification and removal workshop on Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 8:30 AM at Stout Oak Farm located at 83 Middle Road. Work boots and gloves are recommended for this hands on workshop. Please attend one or both of these presentations. Call Heather at 772-1510 if you have questions.



*Heather Dudley-Tatman - Brentwood Conservation Commission*

## BRENTWOOD SENIORS

At the time of this writing the Brentwood Seniors were looking forward to wearing green at their March meeting and having a corned beef and cabbage luncheon.

The April meeting will take place on the fourth Wednesday as usual, April 27, at the Brentwood Community Center. Details will be discussed at the March meeting. Members will arrive at 11:00 for appetizers and social hour. The short business meeting will begin at 11:30, after which the luncheon buffet will be ready for serving.

Visitors and new members are always welcome at Seniors gatherings. You do not have to be a Brentwood resident to attend. For more information call Alma Vahey, President, at 679-8635.

*Linda Rousseau*



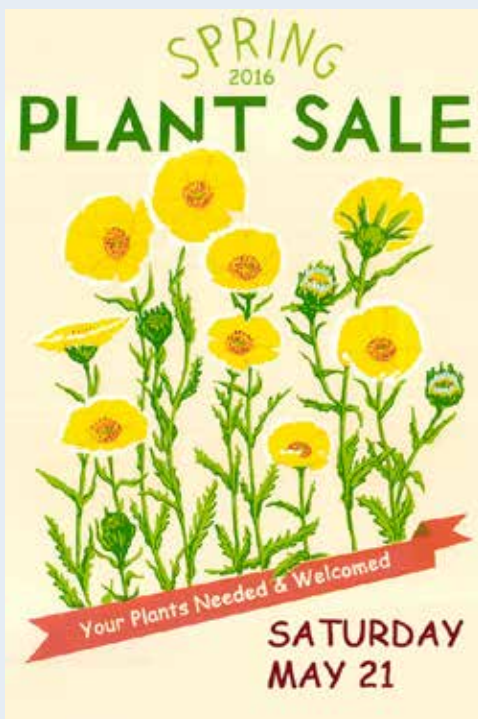
## BRENTWOOD GARDENERS

At their March meeting the Gardeners, coached by Randi Mulqueen, each made an inexpensive, colorful hummingbird feeder, which was basically a glass beer bottle cradled in a basketlike web of copper wire, decorated with colorful beads, finished with a cork holding a plastic drip tube for the sugar water. Thanks to Randi for finding this idea and gathering together the supplies for us to transform our bottles.

**TRIP TO NEWTON GREENHOUSE:** The meeting event for April will be a trip to the celebrated Newton Greenhouse, which will be brimming with spring color and the latest new things in the world of gardening. Members are to meet in the Pilgrim Church parking lot on Tuesday, April 19 at 5:00 pm. We will leave at 5:10 for Newton. After the Greenhouse tour there are plans to stop for pizza on the way home.

**SPRING CLEAN-UP APRIL 30:** All members of the Brentwood Gardeners are reminded that our annual Spring Clean-up of the town's community gardens will take place Saturday, April 30, beginning at 9:00 am. Please come to the Dalton Road traffic circle with rake, clippers and protective gloves.

*Linda Rousseau*



All Gardeners and any other interested residents are asked to look carefully at their gardens as they clean up for spring, and put aside extra, unneeded plants for the annual Plant Sale at the Library on Saturday, May 21. It will take place in conjunction with the Library's Book and Bake Sale.

The plants may be bare-root (in baggies) or in pots, with a note saying what the plant is and what color. No day-lilies, please. Plants may be dropped off by May 15 at the home of Gladys Ray, 106 Exeter Road (Rte. 111), Kingston. Proceeds from the Plant Sale are used to maintain and improve the public garden areas of the town. For more information please call Gladys Ray, 778-9424.

## BRENTWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### PROGRAM ON THE HISTORY OF BRENTWOOD APRIL 14 AT THE MUSEUM

Brentwood residents, oldtimers as well as newcomers, think and wonder about the people who lived here before them, the work they did, how they lived, what interested and amused them. No matter how much you know about the town's history, it's almost certain you'll learn something new when Matthew "Sandy" Thomas presents "Fascinating Highlights of Brentwood's Past" at the Historical Society Museum on Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 pm.

Sandy is without question one of the most knowledgeable historians in the region if not the state. Raised in Fremont, he has published a 934-page town history of Fremont, packed with facts and information and pictures. An avid collector of historical bits and notes that others might overlook, he never stops accumulating items about Brentwood and other nearby towns. His files contain photos and information about our town that have never been gathered into one publication. During his talk and slide show he will tell us about interesting, unusual, colorful people, such as the Brentwood man who was killed by the Ku Klux Klan, and a resident who ate nothing but grass. He will tell how Daniel Webster's career started in Brentwood. Of course there will be much, much more. It will be a great program to start us thinking and planning for Brentwood's 275th Anniversary next year, 2017.

That's Thursday, April 14, 7:00 pm at the Museum, 140 Crawley Falls Road. There is no charge for the program, and all residents and friends are invited. For more information about the Historical Society please visit [www.brentwoodnhhistory.org](http://www.brentwoodnhhistory.org) or call Alma Vahey, president, 679-8635

*Linda Rousseau*

## BRENTWOOD FIREWORKS

Last year the town of Brentwood had fireworks on July 4th after several years without a celebration. It was a great event with several thousand people enjoying food, activities and a terrific show. As the weather warms, several volunteers are hard at work to bring it back again. We have agreement from the county to host the event, a contract with the same fireworks company that did the show for many years, and thanks to the generosity of many we have already raised \$4,000. We are well along the way to the \$8,500 that is needed.

If you would like to make a donation you can leave it at the town hall or mail it to Michael Esters at 20 Lyford Lane, Brentwood, NH 03833. Checks can be made out to "Brentwood Fireworks". If you would like to join our committee we would welcome the help. We can be reached at [Brentwoodfireworks@gmail.com](mailto:Brentwoodfireworks@gmail.com). Let's make independence day a highlight again this year!

**Brentwood Fireworks Committee**

**Michael Esters**

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**Julie Velevis**

**Kevin St. James**

## GRACE MINISTRIES CONSTITUTIONAL COURSE

Grace Ministries International, 263 Route 125 in Brentwood, NH, is presenting Our Magnificent Constitution beginning Sunday, April 24th from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

This will be a six week course covering the history of our Constitution presented by Diane Spidel. It is offered by The National Heritage Center for Constitutional Studies, Inc. (NHCCS).

The American Constitution is the longest running, most perfect political document ever written for the government of a FREE people. Unfortunately, and to their own peril, many Americans have never read the Constitution, understand its purpose or why and how it came about.

This seminar walks you through the roots of the American Republic, the creation of the American Constitution and the freedom principles upon which its Framers rested American government. Join us for an interactive discussion featuring the "out of the box" Constitution, as it was presented to the people of the 13 American Colonies at the conclusion of the 1787 Philadelphia Convention.

For more information please call Diane at 603-679-2444 or cell 603-427-3511 or call the GMI office at 603-642-7848. There will be a fee of \$15 for the course. Make checks out to GMI.

## PILGRIM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Pilgrim United Church of Christ (197 Middle Rd.) will serve its delicious Monthly Breakfast Buffet complete with corned beef hash, eggs, bacon and sausage, pancakes, homemade breads, and giant bowl of fruit on Sunday, April 17th from 8:30- 9:30. Everyone is welcome! And there is no cost (only a freewill offering bowl will be on the buffet table.)

Think tulips and daffodils and warmer nights, and an evening with Brentwood neighbors and friends! The Annual Spring Buffet will be held at Pilgrim UCC on Saturday, April 30th, 5- 7 pm. Turkey, ham, a tender cut of beef, fresh salmon and all the fixins' will be served. Cost is \$15.00- all you can eat! Places can be reserved ahead of time (seating is limited to 100) by contacting the church office (778- 3189) or just come and pay at the door. All monies raised go towards the church's ministries. Hope to see you at this event!

## BRENTWOOD RECREATION NEWS - APRIL 2016

### APRIL CASINO TRIP

This month's casino trip will be to Foxwoods Resort and Casino, on Monday, April 11th! It is not too late to reserve your seat on the deluxe motor coach bus. \$35 per person covers: transportation, coffee & donuts, buffet lunch, \$15 bet, water, and a snack on the way home! Bus leaves the BRC on Monday, April 11th at 7:30am sharp!

### COYOTE CLUB OUTDOOR WILDERNESS CLASS

#### Spring Session – Dates to be announced

Coyote Club is designed to introduce children to nature-based studies, native crafts and environmental stewardship. The program includes survival skills, wilderness awareness, navigation/mapping, animal signs and much more! The program is designed for kids grade K-5.

The six week course afternoons from 3:15-4:30pm. Cost is \$65 Space is limited.

### YOGA MINDFULNESS FOR SELF-REGULATION IN CHILDREN

Would you like your child to learn how to regulate emotions, sustain attention, and control impulsive behavior in a fun, positive way? All children deserve the chance to thrive, and a growing body of research shows that Yoga and Mindfulness are powerful tools to help navigate a challenging world. Through this class, children will learn to improve their balance of emotions, reduce impulsive behavior, and support their capacity to make healthy choices. Based on a program used with tens of thousands of in NYC schools, this framework for helping children access their inner resources of the body, breath, and mind is comprehensive and effective. No prior experience with Yoga is required.

**Cost:** \$60/6 weeks or \$10/drop-in

**Program Age:** Elementary children ages 5+

**Location:** Brentwood Community Center 190 Route 125 Brentwood, NH 03833

**Time:** 10-11am (class) 11-Noon (FREE OT screenings)

**Dates:** Tuesdays, June 21st-July 26th

### LITTLE PEOPLE PLAYGROUP

This is a playgroup for young children and their parents.

**Time:** 9-11am Thursdays

**Location:** Brentwood Community Center

### SPRING FIELD CLEAN-UP

#### Saturday, April 9th Noon

The Recreation Department is requesting the help of volunteers; coaches, parents, and players are invited to come out for a little spring cleaning. This clean-up is for our baseball, softball, and soccer fields located at the Brentwood Recreation Complex at: 190 route 125 Brentwood, NH 03833. Please, bring your own rake/shovel and some clothes that you don't mind getting a little dirty!





## SIP & SIGN

**Friday, April 15th 6:30pm**  
**\$30 per person**

Enjoy some social time with friends, family or co-workers, while creating your own winter/Valentine's Day themed sign. Choose one of MANY designs and our instructor will guide you step-by-step as you relax, sip and paint along. No experience necessary, all painting supplies included, feel free to bring your favorite sipping beverage (soda, coffee, or even wine!)

## ADULT YOGA CLASS

**Tuesday Evenings 6:30-7:45pm**  
**\$64/eight weeks. \$10/class**

*Offered by Cheryl Rossman*

The Recreation Department would like to welcome, Cheryl Rossman. Cheryl recently completed Yoga Therapy training and the YogaLife Institute of NH 200 hour course. Refresh your body and mind at a very thoughtful class that you are sure to love! If you try the first class and then register for the full session, your first class is FREE! Registration is always open, join whenever you want!

[www.letsgetmovin.com](http://www.letsgetmovin.com)

## YOGA MOVEMENT FOR SENIORS

Join us at the Brentwood Community Center Tuesday mornings for this FREE class. 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 10:00 am, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 9:00 am. This gentle movement class helps seniors improve range of motion, flexibility, and balance and will help relieve your aches and pains. No experience necessary. This is a great social activity too!

## TANG SOO DO CLASSES

**Mondays and Fridays**  
**6:30-8:00pm**

Tang Soo Do is a Korean Martial Art comprised of both hard and soft techniques. It emphasizes whole body physical training. It's beneficial for self-discipline, self-defense and health. Classes are taught by Retired Law Enforcement officer Bob Meegan. He is currently a 3rd degree Black Belt with the World Tang Soo Do Association.

## STEPHEN ARKELL 5K RUN/WALK

**May 7th, 2016** will be the second annual 5k run/walk to raise money for the Officer Stephen Arkel Memorial Scholarship Fund. The race will start at **12 Noon at the Swasey Central School** 355 Middle Road, Brentwood, NH (**NOTE:** change of location).

**To register for the 2nd Annual Officer Stephen Arkel Community 5K**, make a donation, or for more race information, **please visit: [www.officerarkell5k.org](http://www.officerarkell5k.org)**

**Registration pick-up is at the BCC, 190 Route 125**  
**Friday, May 6th from 5pm-8pm**

## WANT TO BE A SPONSOR?

Sponsors help us create and offer affordable, quality programs. If you or your business would like to become a sponsor for the Brentwood Recreation Department, please contact the Recreation Director for more information.

## COMMUNITY CENTER

The Brentwood Community Center is available to rent for parties, receptions, meetings and more. Brentwood residents receive a discounted rental rates! See our website for pictures of the Center and rental application or pick up an application at the Recreation office. For information and to check availability, please contact Alicia O'Brien at 642-6400 ext.: 30 or [AO'Brien@brentwoodnh.gov](mailto:AO'Brien@brentwoodnh.gov)

## HAVE A GOOD IDEA FOR A NEW PROGRAM?!

The Recreation Department is always looking for new instructors/programs to implement. If you believe your program/event idea would be beneficial to our community, please, contact the Recreation Department. It is simple to get a program started; all you need to do is let us know. Fill out one of our, 'Program Development Guides', located online and at the Town Offices. Your idea might just be our next popular program!

For information regarding programs and field rentals, please contact the Recreation Office at 642-6400 ext:20

*David Tovey - Brentwood Recreation Director*  
[www.rec.brentwoodnh.gov](http://www.rec.brentwoodnh.gov)



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 7 Cemetery Trustees – 5:00 pm, Town Offices  
**Meet the Author-J.E. Seymour** – 5:30-6:30 pm, Brentwood Library  
 Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Offices
- April 9 **Spring Field Clean-Up** – 12 noon, Brentwood Recreation Complex, 190 Route 125
- April 12 Selectmen's meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Offices  
 Seacoast Area Adoptive Families Support Group – 6:30 pm, Pilgrim UCC Church, 197 Middle Rd.
- April 13 Friends of the Library – 12:30 am, Brentwood Library  
 Conservation Commission – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Offices  
**Invasive Plant Species**, Dr. Leonard Lord speaker, 7:00 pm, Brentwood Library. Conservation Comm sponsor
- April 14 Historical Society – Board business meeting, 10 am, Historical Society Museum  
**Coloring for Adults** – 1:00–3:00 pm, Brentwood Library  
**Ladies & Gents Movie Night** – 7:00 pm, Brentwood Library. "Star Wars...The Force Awakens"  
**Fascinating Highlights of Brentwood's History**– 7:00 pm, Sandy Thomas speaker, Museum, 140 Crawley Falls
- April 16 **Rabies Clinic** – 9:00 am – 12 pm, Brentwood Fire Station  
 Brentwood Writers' Group – 10:30 am, Brentwood Library
- April 17 **Monthly Breakfast Buffet** – 8:30-9:30 am, Pilgrim UCC Church, 197 Middle Road  
**Connor's Climb benefit** – 11:30 am – 11:00 pm, Margarita's restaurant, Exeter
- April 18 Library Trustees – 6:00 pm, Brentwood Library
- April 19 Selectmen's meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Offices  
 Parent Faculty Group – 6:30 pm, Swasey School Library  
 Brentwood Gardeners – Trip to Newton Greenhouse; meet 5:00 pm, Pilgrim Church parking area
- April 20 Youth Group ages 15-18 – "One Grace." At Grace Ministries, for info call 642-7848
- April 21 Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office  
**Meet the Statue of Liberty Caretakers** – 7:00 pm, Dave & Debbie Luchsinger, Brentwood Library
- April 25 Brentwood Bookers – 7:00 pm, Brentwood Library
- April 26 Selectmen's meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Offices  
 Recreation Commission – 6:30 pm, Sanborn Room, Town Offices
- April 27 Brentwood Seniors – 11:00 am, Brentwood Community Center
- April 30 **Conservation Comm. Roadside Cleanup** – 10 am–12 noon. Meet at Pilgrim Church, 197 Middle Rd.  
**Gardeners' Cleanup of municipal gardens** Meet at 9:00 am at Dalton Rd. traffic island.  
**Annual Spring Buffet** – 5:00-7:00 pm, Pilgrim UCC church, 197 Middle Rd.
- May 2 Trails Committee – 7:00 pm, Town Offices  
 School Board – 6:00 pm, Swasey School Library
- May 3 Selectmen's meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Offices
- May 5 Cemetery Trustees – 5:00 pm, Town Offices  
 Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Offices

THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME AT ALL ABOVE EVENTS

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